

THE Bradford Bridge

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Thom Smith Awarded Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical

by Kathleen Bigford



Photo credit: Courtesy of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.
Photo by Cheryl Senter.

Bradford resident Thom Smith, who teaches third graders at KRES Bradford, has been awarded the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical from the New Hampshire Charitable Fund. A sabbatical allows an educator to suspend their regular teaching job while they work on other educational pursuits. The Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical was established in 1986 by then-Governor John H. Sununu and the New Hampshire

legislature to honor McAuliffe's life and work. The sabbatical gives an exemplary New Hampshire teacher a year off with pay and a materials budget to bring a great educational idea to fruition.

Smith wants to give elementary school teachers as well as college students studying to be elementary school teachers tools and education to help them be more comfortable and, therefore, more effective science teachers. Teacher training in elementary school science often lags behind training in other critically important subjects like math and reading.

In a press release from the NH Charitable Fund Smith is quoted as saying, "My hope is that student teachers will feel prepared and excited to teach science at the elementary level, and that the elementary school teachers that I work with will come away from my workshops with a renewed enthusiasm about science, and will develop their own ideas about how to improve science instruction."

The press release goes on to state that Smith will create a curriculum focused on the ecosystem of the state's rocky shoreline – in partnership with the UNH Sea Trek Program, Seacoast Science Center, New England Aquarium and a local artist and book publisher. The curriculum will be made available at no cost to New Hampshire school districts. Smith will travel the state offering free professional development workshops for

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10 Questions for You

by Kathleen Bigford

Here, dear readers, are ten questions I am asking to see if you can surmise the identity of this long-time Bradford resident.

Who arrived in Bradford, newly married, about 30 years ago to be near a daughter?

Who held jobs simultaneously as a newspaper feature writer, a teacher of English and a teacher of piano?

In the 1990's who reported for the Concord Monitor and Argus Champion on the towns of Bradford, Warner, Newbury and Sutton?

Whose favorite job was at the Adult Literacy Program to help people attain reading proficiency and high school equivalency?

Who loves tennis and would play in the morning before going to work?

Who worked diligently with others to produce the Bradford Master Plan?

A life-long piano player who enjoys playing duets with another piano player and a violin player – Who is this?

Have you ever heard this person say, "There's nothing I haven't done?"

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*Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC*

From the Editor

Someone recently described the activity in Bradford (and I am sure in many other places a well) as moving in waves – in for a while, then out. Looking through copies of The Bradford Bridge covering the past twenty-five years also shows the many waves over that period of time. The waves are definitely moving in now and the hope is they will continue to do so.

Our annual stroll along Main Street actually begins a bit south on Route 114 where the raised beds at Sweet Beet are in place to hold the seedlings being prepared by the KRES first graders. Next we come to the continued improvements at the Kalon Book shop that will transform that fine building once again into a home. Then we pass the lovely formal garden with its fountain for all to enjoy as the plants unfold for the summer. Work on the Bradford Depot Plaza complex has resumed and will soon house business tenants.

The Town Hall is buzzing with saws, hammers, and soon paint brushes. Some walls have been removed, some added. It is hard to remember what was where and what has been changed. The result will be a working space for our town employees and an open meeting room for the many boards and committees that will use this building. Not pretty, but functional. Volunteers have done most of the work and much of the material has been donated – a real credit to our town and the volunteer spirit that keeps us going and the waves moving in.

At the other end of Main Street, the Thistle and Shamrock is undergoing initial repairs while the community has been asked for its thoughts on future uses for this building, once the proud Bradford Inn that anchored West Main Street for many years. The Kearsarge Food Hub and Sweet Beet Farn Stand will use some of the space. There is much more space to reconfigure and put to positive use.

While Bradford cannot really take credit for the Christa McAuliffe sabbatical awarded to KRES teacher Thom Smith, we can take great pride in this honor and look forward to the programs he develops and the impact he has on future science teachers.

Spring did come early and has decided to stay for a while, but in typical New Hampshire fashion, we had a bit more snow and now we need rain – just enough, please, and not when outdoor activities are planned. We find it hard to be completely satisfied either with the weather or our town, but right now the waves are moving in and Bradford's future looks bright.

Happy Spring and on to the summer
Marcia Keller, May Editor

With many thanks to Kathleen Bigford and Sandy Richard for their help getting this to the printer in time.



The First Baptist Church

Your Community Church

May Events

- Worship Services and Kingdom Kidz** every Sunday at 10 am
- Youth Group for grades 6-12** meet on Sundays 11:30-1 pm in the church basement
- Mom's Group** every Tuesday morning 9:30-10:30 am in the church office building
- Men's & Women's Breakfast**, Saturday, May 14 at 8 am in the church office building
- Spring Cleaning Day**, Saturday, May 14 at 9:30 am
- Men's Fellowship** Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 pm at the home of Fred Hubley
- Wednesday Night Prayer** in the Sanctuary at 6 pm every week.
- Bradford Community Food Pantry** will be open on Wednesday, May 18, 5:30-6:30 pm. Non-perishable goods are always welcome, drop them off in the basket by the front entryway door to the church or stop by the office.
- Thursday Night Bible Study** at 6:30 pm in the church office building. Beginning on May 12 studying the Book of Acts.
- Praise and Worship Service** Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of song and prayer and a chance to give praise and Thanksgiving to the Lord. Psalm 89:1 "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations"
- Rise Again Homeless Mission**—We collect used clothing, bedding and towels in good condition. Thank you to all who donated personal care items last month.

Secretary's New Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9 am to 1 pm. Or call or email us at 938-5313 or 1stbaptist@tds.net.

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Area Events

Warner

NEW HAMPSHIRE TELEPHONE MUSEUM'S 2016 Annual Exhibit

entitled "The ART of Conversation" opens May 1 at One Depot Street in Warner. The exhibit, will run through October 31.



MAIN STREET BOOKENDS

SILENT AUCTION Saturday, May 14, 7pm. Display begins May 9. Silent auction preview party with wine and cheese at 6pm, Saturday, May 14, \$10. Proceeds to benefit the Jim Mitchell Community Park.

SPRING into WARNER,

May 14. This is an event to celebrate THE ARTS. There will be artists' demos, concerts, books and other creations for sale. Free to members of the Kearsarge Chamber of Commerce, \$25 per "booth" for non members, unless you're demonstrating or performing. Contact Kay Steen at kksteen@gmail.com

PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY will host an EDIBLE BOOKS contest and activity from 9:30 to 2 pm during the Town-wide Spring into Warner arts celebration on Saturday, May 14. Register in advance to enter a creation based on a book theme, or just come to vote and try your hand at making a simple edible book. For information visit warner.lib.nh.us.

THE LITTLE NATURE MUSEUM, a small nonprofit nature center in Warner, is looking for volunteers to help visitors for our upcoming 61st season. Volunteers must be

at least 16 years old. The Museum is operated entirely by volunteers. For more information, see the Museum's website: littlenature-museum.org. You may also call Director, Sandra Martin, at 746-6121, or e-mail info@littlenature-museum.org.

Newbury

South Newbury Union Church/ Friendship House

Ham 'n Bean Dinner

 Saturday May 21, 2016

Menu: Beans & Ham, Coleslaw, Rolls, Drinks, Homemade Desserts.
Price: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 6 - 11, under 5 FREE. Great Raffle.

Friendship House is handicapped accessible and take-out is available.



SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE HONORING OUR VETERANS.

Sunday May 29, 2016 at the church on Rt. 103 and Sutton Rd. at the blinking light. Everyone is Welcome!



For more information about these events: Call 938-2064.



Humorous Entertainment



Rebecca Rule is best known for her live presentations of humorous New Hampshire stories, many sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. A recent recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from New England College, Rebecca Rule has been collecting and telling stories of New Hampshire and New England for more than fifteen years. She has entertained audiences throughout New Hampshire, prompting New Hampshire Magazine to name her "Thalia: the Muse of Comedy" in its list of notable New Hampshire muses.

She is the author of several books of New Hampshire and New England humor and has just published her first children's book *The Iciest Diciest Scariest Sled Ride Ever!*

Rebecca Rule entertained a receptive audience at the Tin Shop focusing on the history and lore of town meetings. Some years ago, her play "Town Meeting" was performed by a cast of local characters on the stage of the Bradford Town Hall.

Bradford Town Boards

Board of Selectmen

Trust Funds Selectmen accepted donations to both the Town Hall Repair and Restoration Trust Fund and the Bradford Independence Day Trust Fund.

Tax Map Corrections Selectmen signed corrections, prepared by Perry Teele, to the tax map for Map 20, Lot 1 (backside of Lake Massasecum) and Map 17, Lots 3 – 12 and 17 (East Main Street).

Teele also mentioned that the perambulation of town boundaries is long overdue. Neighboring towns will be contacted to begin this work and get the records updated.

Move to Town Hall Weekly updates indicate ongoing work being done to prepare the building for town offices. (See photos on page 13). Many materials have been donated and most of the labor is being done by volunteers.

Transfer Station The Selectmen made two changes at the request of Manager Lois Kilnapp. Bradford will discontinue the contract for disposal of hazardous waste in Henniker, which was available only one day each year. This is based on the cost and very limited use. Individuals will now take their wastes to Goffstown at a cost of \$2.00/ pound and is open throughout the year.

The second change increases the cost to dispose of demolition debris from the current \$15/cubic yard to \$35/cu.yd, bringing Bradford in line with neighboring towns and reflecting the actual cost of disposal.

Gravel Purchase Selectmen agreed to purchase gravel from Road Agent Barry Wheeler at a total cost, including off-site processing, of \$8.00/yard. Currently the cost for processed gravel from out of town is shown on invoices to be \$15/yard. Selectman Bibbo said all necessary permits are in place.

Appointment forms were signed and appointment letters for the Conservation Commission.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Election of Officers Brooks McCandlish was voted as Chair and Mark Fournier as Vice Chair. The votes were unanimous.

Alternates Nathaniel Bruss, Bob Hodges, and Heather Weed were appointed as alternates to the Board.

Public Hearing for Map 3 Lot 89 on Route 103 was cancelled because the application was withdrawn.

Local Officials Workshop The Board voted to send seven members.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at bradfordnh.org.

The Bradford Bridge

Looking Back

In May of 1991, the first issue of the new (and as yet unnamed) Bradford newspaper is still two months away. Planning has definitely started in the living room at the West Main Street home of Nancy and Tom Scribner. Staff has volunteered and tasks have been assigned.

The masthead reads:

The Bradford ????
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Mildred Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator
Tom Scribner, Advertising Manager

Phone numbers for contact were listed, but only one is still current. This was the staff and the Bridge was underway.

Watch for more progress as our anniversary year unfolds.

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Bradford Trails and Recreation

The following is a condensed version of Chapter 17 of Bradford's Natural Resources Inventory. The full Natural Resources Inventory, along with associated maps can be found at the Bradford Conservation Commission's webpage: <http://www.bradfordnh.org/meeting-calendar/conservation-commission/>

Many residents make their strongest connections with Bradford's natural resources through recreation, particularly with its trails. Hunting, hiking, horseback riding, skiing, snowmobiling - all would benefit from a more extensive trail system in town that connects to trail systems in neighboring towns.

The vision is to create a trail system that circumnavigates the town and connects to the Sunapee/ Ragged / Kearsarge Greenway. This trail would connect Low State Forest, Aiken Pasture Town Forest, the Bog conservation area, the Pillsbury/Sunapee Highlands easements, and the Fairgrounds Road snowmobile trails with the downtown services.

The Conservation Commission has published a town wide trail map. A trail guide to the Bradford Bog is available at the entrance to the Bog. Both maps can also be obtained at Brown Memorial Library. The Battles trail system has its own map at the trail head. There is an underutilized 'Fitness Trail' downtown, begun in the 1970s, that extends behind the library to Route 103. It is now known as the Tillie Wheeler Trail for one of its main supporters. This may become part of a larger 'rail to trail' system.

The Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club deserves thanks for their efforts in both trail maintenance and acquiring landowner permission. Through the cooperation of many resident and non-resident land owners the trail system exists for the benefit of all to use and enjoy responsibly. The club maintains over 85 miles of trails in Bradford, Newbury, and the Sunapee region. Their maps are available on their website at <http://www.lakesunapeesnowmobileclub.com/>.

Lakes and other public waterways are another great source of recreation. In this town, this largely refers to Lake Massasecum, Lake Todd and to a lesser extent, Ayer's Pond, Warner River, Hoyt Brook and West Branch Brook.

Key to a coherent trail system is the continued use of Class 6 roads or their conversion to Class A or Class B trails.

The trail systems that exist today and those planned for the future are a valued part of the quality of life in Bradford - a component often overlooked by town planners. Because many residents and some town businesses benefit from these trails, town planners should consider these town assets when reviewing projects that may impact them adversely.

News from the Transfer Station

At their meeting on April 18th, the Board of Selectmen decided to change how the disposal of hazardous waste is handled in Bradford. Instead of participating in Henniker's Hazardous Waste Day each fall, we will now be able to dispose of hazardous waste year round in Goffstown. More detailed information will be included in next month's edition of The Bradford Bridge. As always, any questions can be directed to Lois Kilnapp at the Transfer Station.

The Selectmen also voted to increase the fee charged for demolition waste. The new fee is \$35 per yard - an increase of approximately \$20 per yard. The new rate reflects more accurately the true cost to the Town for demolition waste disposal and is more closely in line with what surrounding towns charge. This rate change is effective June 1st.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UCS - FRIENDS OF THE BRADFORD CENTER MEETINGHOUSE

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THURS. MAY 12 AT 7:00 PM**



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Cemetery Notes

by Dianne Whalley

What a difference from a year ago. The cemeteries could not be opened on opening day because of all the snow on the ground. Opening this year was not a problem, except for some snowy and windy days when it was not good for clean-up. Several of the smaller cemeteries have been "leaf-blown" already.

Members of the cemetery committee have toured 11 of the 18 cemeteries to assess winter damage to headstones and determine what brush or plants need to be attended to. For example, there is an old iris bed that needs to be revived in Pleasant Hill. Presently, it is overgrown and choked with weeds. A little TLC is in order. Many bushes need pruning in several of the cemeteries.

Also during our walk-about we saw MANY headstones that are

covered with moss and white or blackened over time. Committee members and occasionally volunteers are cleaning these headstones. The D-2 solution we use works over time turning black stones back to the original white. Heavy moss can be scraped off easily with a plastic scraper. Like the old saying "many hands make light work". If any one is interested in helping improve the looks of the many dirty headstones, please call 938-2119.

Thanks to the citizens of Bradford, we now have funds to take down several large trees that are at risk of falling into the some of the cemeteries which could potentially cause expensive damage to headstones.

As always the larger cemeteries will be in good shape with flags waving by Memorial Day.

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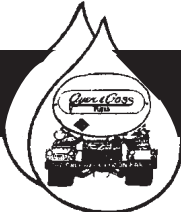
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Cemetery Commission

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Dianne Whalley

Jane M. Lucas

BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

KEVIN GARDNER: DISCOVERING
NEW ENGLAND STONE WALLS
Saturday, May 21st at 1:00pm



Kevin's informal talk covers a few of the main topics of his book about New England stone walls, touching on history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics. He explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape.

Other topics may include: differences in approach between historical and contemporary wall-builders, a discussion of restoration tips and techniques, and information about design, acquisition of materials, preservation, and analysis. Along the way, Kevin occupies himself building a miniature wall or walls on a tabletop, using tiny stones from a five-gallon bucket. He often brings along his collection of books about stonework, and copies of "The Granite Kiss" will be available for sale.

The Tin Shop
160 E. Main St., Bradford, NH
No charge for members
Non-members \$10

Photo Credit and Thanks

To: Mike Kelly for sharing his amazing photo of FIVE eagles on the ice on Lake Massasecum that was printed in the April Bridge.

To: Laurie Buchar for the photo of Dick McLeod at his 90th birthday celebration and for researching the correct tartan, MacLeod of Lewis (or, jokingly, Loud MacLeod).

Perambulation Volunteers Wanted!

RSA 51:2 Perambulation of Town Lines. – The lines between the towns in this state shall be perambulated, and the marks and bounds renewed, once in every 7 years forever, by the selectmen of the towns, or by such persons as they shall in writing appoint for that purpose.

As stated above, State Law requires that the Town's boundaries with surrounding towns be walked and agreed upon every seven years. The Board of Selectmen is looking for interested and able volunteers to assist in this task. The effort will be coordinated by Perry Teele who has rallied efforts and kept records of Bradford's perambulations for many years.

This is a great way to get outdoors while expanding your knowledge of Bradford's history. If you are interested, please call the Selectmen's Office (938-5900).

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Your understanding and help in this matter is appreciated.

Bradford News

The LUMBER BARN will celebrate their Grand Reopening on Friday May 13 from 8am to 4pm. Highlights of the celebration will include free food and beverages, interactive displays from over a dozen vendors, and door prizes that include Red Sox tickets. More information can be found at facebook.com/lumberbarn.

ANNUAL KID'S TROUT FISHING DERBY will be hosted by the Bradford Fish and Game Club on Sunday May 15, 2016 at Fishersfield Park in Newbury. It is on Old Post Road across from the Transfer Station. The pond is a short walk from the parking lot into the woods! This tournament is for children 15 yrs old and younger, but the whole family is invited to come out and enjoy the morning. Doughnuts and drinks will be provided.

Free registration begins at 7:15 AM. Fishing starts at 8:00 AM and continues to 10:00. Prizes and trophies to be awarded shortly after 10:30. Depending on weather, bring your insect repellent!

THE ANNUAL BRADFORD WOMEN'S CLUB luncheon will be held this year on May 18 at 5:30. at the Appleseed Restaurant. The luncheon is open to all past and present members and anyone else who is interested. Please contact Jackye Pehrson at 938-5951 to reserve your seat.



KEARSARGE FOOD HUB On April 28th the Hub held their "Rooted" event, a casual potluck to celebrate good food and community in some newly-renovated rooms at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn. "Rooted" was organized by the Hub to gather farmers and neighbors to share gardening practices, hopes and dreams for the upcoming growing season, and, most importantly, FOOD! The Hub also planned to share a little bit about future plans (that include the Thistle!) and hear input and suggestions from the community! The April Bradford Bridge was already at the printer when this happened so please, stay tuned.



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MAY CALENDAR

Sun. May 1st

9am-noon French's Park Clean-up

Mon. May 2nd

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1:00pm Bridge
4:00pm Water Coloring
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. May 3rd

10:00am Stitches from the Heart
12:00 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Watercolor Class

Wed. May 4th

6:00pm Yoga
7:00pm ZBA

Thurs. May 5th

8:30-12:30 Planning Board Office
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Mahjong
6:30pm Budget Committee
7:00pm Town Hall Restoration

Fri. May 6th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
11:30am First Friday Brunch-
Celebrating Mother's Day!
1:00pm Mahjong

Mon. May 9th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1:00pm Bridge
4:00pm Water Coloring
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting
6:00pm Rural Heritage Connection
6:30pm Friends of BML Annual Mtg

Tues. May 10th

10:00am Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Mahjong
7:00pm Planning Board

Wed. May 11th

1:00pm Knitting Group- Visitors
Welcome!!
6:00pm Yoga

Thurs. May 12th

8:30-12:30 Planning Board Office
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Mahjong
4:30pm BACC/P&R Committees
7:00pm UCS Friends of Bradford
Center Meetinghouse Annual Meet-
ing. For info contact lbuchar@
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Fri. May 13th

8:45am MVSC Fitness

Sat. May 14th

9am- Noon Town Clerk OpenSun.

May 15th

3:30pm Bradford Elementary
Poetry Club reading, BML

Mon. May 16th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1:00pm Bridge
4:00pm Water Coloring
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting
6:30pm Chess, BML

Tues. May 17th

10:00am Quilters
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Watercolor class

Wed May 18th

4:00pm Special Group 5
6:00pm Yoga
7:00pm Book Discussion, BML

Thurs. May 19th

8:30-12:30 Planning Board Office
11am- 12pm BP Screening Clinic
at MVSC by LSVNA
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Mahjong
5:00pm Friends of BACC
5:30pm Town Hall Restoration

Fri. May 20th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
9:30- 11:30am Foot Care Clinic at
North Ridge Apartments Call for appt.
10:00am Friday at the Movies: The
Intern, PG-13
12 Noonish Senior Brunch
1:00pm Mahjong

Sat. May 21st

March for Meals Walkathon Fund-
raiser at the Delta Dental Center,
Concord. Call Phil at 938-2104 for
details and to pledge.
1:00pm Discovering New England
Stone Walls BHS at the Tin Shop

Mon. May 23rd

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1:00pm Bridge
4:00pm Water Coloring
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. May 24th

9:30-11:30am Foot Care clinic at
Warner Pharmacy, call for appt.
10:00am Quilting Group
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Mahjong
7:00pm Planning Board

Wed. May 25th

9am Carpool to Billings Farm &
Museum in Woodstock, VT
10:30 -12pm BP Clinic at Warner
Senior Room provided by LSVNA
6:00pm Yoga
7:00 pm BHS meeting Tin Shop

Thurs. May 26th

12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Mahjong

Fri. May 27th

8:45am MVSC Fitness

Sat. May 28th

9:00am-2:00pm Book & Plant Sale,
BML

Mon. May 30th

Memorial Day Holiday
Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels
Library Closed

Tues. May 31st

10am Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00pm Mahjong

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.

*For the MVSC call Phil at
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To schedule rooms at the
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 **Abbreviation Key**

BACC-Bradford Area Community Center
BBC-Bradford Baptist Church
BML-Brown Memorial Library
FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse
Gillingham Drive
KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
KRES-Bradford Elemen. School
MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr
TH-Bradford Town Hall
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.
KLC- Kearsarge Learning Center

Ongoing Events

Children's Storytime - Mondays Mondays and Wednesdays 10am at BML
 Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM Call 938-2119 for info

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML

Fish and Game Club - 1st Tuesday 7PM at Fish and Game Club

First Friday Bunch - 11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated
 call 938-2104 for info

Historical Society - Tin Shop, East Main Street, open Saturdays from 10am-noon
 May-October or by appointment. Please call 938-2078.

Library Trustees - 1st Wednesday at 6:00PM BML

Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC

Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC

Selectmen's Meeting - Every Monday 5:30PM, BACC

Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND PLANT AND BOOK SALE Saturday, May 28, 9am-2pm.

As you plant your garden, remember we have seeds here at the library! You are welcome to take seeds saved from last year and/or bring in your saved seeds to share with the community. If you are new to seed saving, we have several excellent books on the subject and some handy informational sheets.

As you come into the library for your free books, magazines, audiobooks and videos this month...check out the new art show organized by the Bradford Art Group. We always enjoy these watercolors from Becky Darling's students.

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library hold their annual meeting on Monday, May 9 at 6:30pm. Come find out about exciting opportunities to help support our wonderful library!

The gardening lecture series with Master Gardener Dick Wright will take a break and continue in the fall with sessions on composting and putting the garden to bed.

The Bradford Elementary Poetry Club poetry reading has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 15 at 3:30pm. Students will read from their anthology New Hampshire Poetree.

This month's book discussion is on *The House Girl* by Tara Conklin at 7pm on Wednesday, May 18. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Don't forget, our children's librarian Laurie Buchar offers story times at 10:00am every Monday and Wednesday. Also, the summer reading program Reading Grows on You will be on four Mondays beginning on July 11.

Here are some of the hot new items recently added to your library:

- Lilac Girls* / Martha Hall Kelly
- For a Little While* / Rick Bass
- The Murder of Mary Russell* / Laurie R. King
- Brotherhood in Death* / J. D. Robb
- Before the Wind* / Jim Lynch
- Close Your Eyes* / Michael Robotham
- Brilliant Beacons : a history of the American lighthouse* / Eric Jay Dolin
- Peregrine Spring : a master falconer's extraordinary life with birds of prey* / Nancy Cowan
- Lab Girl* / Hope Jahren

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Town Hall Update – Volunteers Are Still Needed

The preparation for moving the Town Offices back into the Town Hall continues forward. The walls to the former Planning Office have been removed as has the small front office of the Town Clerk. Both the entry and the main meeting room are now much more open and spacious. Exposed sections of the walls have allowed the interior of the wall to be “blocked,” a fire safety measure. The walls have been closed up, patched with sheet-rock and mudded. The electrician has begun work to disconnect power to the second floor, terminate unnecessary wires and

bring other electrical issues into code compliance.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to welcome volunteer help. People will be needed to paint walls, clean the areas affected by construction and pack boxes. Trucks will be needed for moving items (boxes, equipment, furniture, etc.) as well as strong backs for lifting them. While we won't make our aggressive May 2nd target, the move will happen soon.

A final date will be set as soon as work has proceeded to the point

where a firm date can be identified. Please call the Selectmen's Office to volunteer your talents! BIG THANKS go to the folks who have given time and materials thus far.

Volunteers: Tom Dunne; Jordan Dunne; Dave Buchar; Bob Lincoln; Sonny Harris; Edwin Miller; Jim Bibbo; Will Kranz; John Pfeifle (and his grandchildren). Materials donated by: The Lumber Barn; Steve Pitman of Belletetes, Inc in Andover; Edwin Miller; Sonny Harris; Carl Rubchinuk; Chris Mock .



Town Clerk entry removed



Bob Lincoln directs the work



Patched and ready to paint



Planning Board office wall removed



Sonny Harris at work



Tom Dunne getting ready to paint

Obituaries



Richard E. Whall passed away at his home in Bradford, NH, surrounded by family and friends, on April 1, 2016. He had just celebrated his 92nd birthday.

Richard "Dick" Whall grew up in Athol, MA, son of Richard A. Whall and Anna M. Stiles Whall. He graduated from Athol High School in 1941. Dick served in the US Army during WWII from 1943 to 1946. He received his B.S. from Northeastern University in 1951. He married Phyllis W. Greene on June 16, 1951. Following his graduation and their marriage, the couple moved to New Jersey, which served as their home base for 33 years before they retired to Bradford in 1984. They also enjoyed spending time at the family's fishing camp on Sportsman's Pond in Athol.

Dick Whall had a long and successful career of 33 years working for Esso Research and Engineering (later Exxon) including 9 years in Exxon Chemicals. Dick travelled extensively throughout the world while working for Exxon, including Libya, Argentina, Japan, Germany, France and Scotland. He also worked and lived with his wife and children

in Bari, Livorno, Rome, Milan, Southern England, London and Sweden, Baton Rouge, LA, and Newport, CA.

Dick was a member of the Athol-Orange Baptist Church, the Brookside Community Church and the First Baptist Church of Bradford, serving on the board of trustees of Brookside and Bradford. Following his retirement, Dick became very active in Bradford, creating a master plan for the town, working on restorations for the Historical Society and was Chairman of the Bradford Bicentennial Committee in 1987. The Bicentennial Celebration was a 2 ½ year project that took place in July of that year.

Dick is survived by two daughters, Laurie Ann Whall of Long Beach, CA, and Elizabeth Mary Whall of La Jolla, CA, her husband Steven Hartt, two grandchildren, Chloe L. Hartt at Eckerd College and Simon W. Hartt who will be attending Cornell University in the fall. Dick's wife Phyllis passed away in 2015. His foster sister Pauline Whipps passed away in 2016 and is survived by her husband George Whipps of Athol, MA.

A memorial service is planned for Richard Whall at the First Baptist Church of Bradford on Saturday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m. There will also be a graveside memorial service in Athol, MA, in the summer. Donations should be directed to the First Baptist Church of Bradford, R.E. Whall Memorial Fund or the Sullivan County Humane Society.

Thea Braiterman died at Concord Hospital, March 28, 2016. She was 88 years of age. Born in Baltimore, Sept. 11, 1927, Thea and her husband, Marvin moved to Henniker in their 40's to become professors at New England College, where Thea formed the Women's Studies program and founded the Learning Institute at New England College (LINEC).

Thea served three terms as a NH State Legislator during the 1990's representing first Henniker/Warner, then Henniker/Bradford. She promoted legislation around health insurance, banking, and consumer protection. Both she and her husband, Marvin were active Democrats, organizing voter registration and advancing political activism steeped in their Jewish tradition.

They actively campaigned in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's and against the Vietnam War. Their brand of political activism carried into their service as selectmen in Henniker each at different times, to pushing back a nuclear waste dump proposed for the Contoocook River Valley, and co-founding the Henniker Peace Community.

Thea was predeceased by her husband, Marvin Braiterman in 2004 and her eldest son, Ken Braiterman in 2014. She is survived by two children, David J. Braiterman with his fiancé, Mary Bergeron, Concord, NH, and daughter, Marta Braiterman Tanenbaum and her husband, Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum, Brook-

Attention Residents of Bradford, NH

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, May 31st from 7:00 – 7:30 pm at the Community Center Youth Room for change of party registration. Additions and corrections to the checklist may be made at this time also.

Last day for voters already registered to change or declare a party affiliation. Only undeclared voters may declare a party and vote on primary election day. Voters who register subsequent to this date may declare a party when they register.

In order to register to vote you must be at least 18 years of age, present a valid photo ID and have proof of residency.

Supervisors of the Checklist
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lyn, NY. Thea leaves five adult grandchildren.

A funeral service at Temple Beth Jacob was followed by burial in Henniker. Donations may be made to Temple Beth Jacob, 67 Broadway, Concord, NH 03301.

NOTICE

The subscription price of The Bradford Bridge will be raised for 12 issues from \$20 to \$25 per year due to the cost of stamps and envelopes. The increase will be effective when you renew your annual subscription.



Resplendent in MacLeod of Lewis tartan and full regalia, Dick McLeod greeted and was feted by friends and family at a gathering at the Masonic Lodge on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

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Highway Department Paver



Road Agent Barry Wheeler demonstrating new paver

The Highway Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing equipment that becomes available between town meeting, was used recently to purchase the paver pictured here. This self-propelled piece will be used to patch and grade sections of pavement throughout the town.

News from Bradford Parks and Rec

French's Park Clean-up

Sunday, May 1st 9 am to noon - Parks and Rec is looking for volunteers to help with the spring clean-up of French's Park. Tasks include brush and leaf clean-up, raking, beach clean-up, picnic table maintenance and more. Volunteers will be treated to a cookout following the clean-up. For more information, contact Margaret Raymond (938-5392 or MargaretLRaymond@gmail.com).



Save the Dates

July 11 - July 22, 2016

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Black Belt Promotions at Rising Sun Martial Arts



(l-r) Evan Miller, John Cunningham, Jennifer Boyd, Griffin LaBrie, and George Dube

Evan Miller, John Cunningham, Jennifer Boyd, Griffin LaBrie, and George Dube were all honored at the recent Black Belt Promotion Ceremony at Rising Sun Martial Arts in Newport, NH. George Dube, 12, earned his 1st Degree Junior Black Belt and Evan Miller, 13, earned his 2nd Degree Junior Black Belt. Both young men were also recognized for their efforts in helping to teach karate to younger students, and were awarded the title of Shidoin (Apprentice Instructor).

By international standard, one cannot be considered a full Black Belt until the age of sixteen. John Cunningham and Griffin LaBrie, have reached this milestone, have completed their teaching apprenticeships and transferred to the full Black Belt curriculum.

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Out and About

by Kathleen Bigford

A regular feature of the Bradford Bridge, Out and About, will post a picture of a place in the Bradford area with a hint of where it can be found. The places will be public and may be found near a town road. Your job is to get out and explore Bradford to find the place.

As the Bradford Bridge begins to celebrate 25 years, the next several mystery places will involve some of the bridges of Bradford. Here is the next mystery site in the Bridge Series.



Hint: Many readers have been up close and personal with this "private" place next to an historic bridge.

Someone came very close to guessing the site of the April mystery bridge. Here it is again.



Hint: Just off a NH highway, follow the "Trail" sign leading to a Bradford treasure.

When you know what and where either of these sites are, send an email to bradfordbridge345@gmail.com (please note new address) by May 20, 2016 with your name and contact info telling the exact location of either or both sites. The first sender of an email with the correct location(s) will receive a congratulatory photo card of that place and their name will appear in Out and About in the next Bradford Bridge. Get out and about!! Happy hunting everybody!!

Thom Smith (continued from pg. 1)

teachers and for college students aspiring to be teachers.

Thom sat down with me during the April school break to talk about his sabbatical plans. He chose New Hampshire's rocky shore ecosystem as the topic of his curriculum design for many reasons. "It is local, relevant and open to inquiry," he says. "Some people question the relevance to the rocky shore because New Hampshire has only 17 miles of shoreline. However, while studying this extreme habitat we all learn why it's important to take care of it."

I asked Thom what he would want readers to know about his project. He said emphatically, "No way would I have had this opportunity and honor without the encouragement and support I receive from fellow teachers, the KRSD administration and the Bradford/Newbury community." He said that the staff makes this a fun place to work. Administrators helped him apply for the sabbatical and also assisted with his Masters in Educational Leadership. He very much appreciates reference letters from parents because they help him know the impact he is having on their children.

Thank YOU Thom! We appreciate all you and your fellow educators do to enrich our community. Congratulations on receiving this honor that recognizes teacher excellence in New Hampshire.

Open Letter to the Community

by Claire James

Claire James has written this thoughtful piece about her experiences with the Town Hall Restoration. Though Bradford is moving on from the vote on the 2016 proposal, Claire's observations about the process of decision making by a group deserve consideration. We welcome your respectful comments.

Town meeting is past and what better time to reflect, when it's all still fresh in my mind? Here in Connecticut, miles and miles away from Bradford, there is adequate distance and space for some much needed perspective. It occurred to me after some internal searching, that the Town Hall vote has never been so much about the Town Hall itself; not exactly. What it has really been more about is the people. Frankly, I think the same could be said about the bond for the fire department pumper, or any other matter of consequence for which we are called to come to an agreement. Most of us tend to think and act (and vote) as the people closest to us (and the people who matter most to us) do. Bradford, like any other place, has its own set of groups: town departments, town committees, groups of volunteers, groups of friends, the "newcomers" group, those whose families have lived here for generations.... People are social creatures, yet sometimes our self-selecting subsets serve more to divide us (even when this was never their original intent) and they sometimes do so to the point of decimating all reason and logic. We've all heard and seen the symptoms of it - and we've all been guilty of participating in it ourselves. A few choice illustrations: "There goes the 'crazy' guy", and "Don't deal with her - she's impossibly difficult", or how

about this one (said derisively) - "...Just another one of the good 'ol boys..."

If we're all being honest, we've been on both the giving and receiving end of these unflattering thoughts and remarks. But how often do we really bother to dig any deeper; to probe beneath the surface of these nasty little notions? Not very often, I'd venture to say. And the reason primarily, is that it is tremendously difficult. It takes guts - and the willingness to drop one's guard - and maybe even to look a bit foolish or naive in the process. In the worst-case scenario, it leaves us open to attack and/or injury and possibly yet further misunderstandings. When most take these risks into account, it's really much safer to stay within the bounds of the familiar. It's a very foreign and sometimes dreadfully uncomfortable feeling to interact with those outside of our own pet political persuasions, religions, economic circumstances or even the very simplest of things - a different accent or manner of speech, for example. But what happens when we don't make the effort? I believe that when we can't be bothered to make the effort, we stand to lose some element of "the truth". (i.e. - what's actually happening, versus what we think is actually happening). Mistrust then sidles in, gaining an easy foothold under such circumstances.

Take the recent fire pumper truck vote, for example. Probably not many of us really have any idea (or didn't until town meeting at least), what a pumper truck even is, or why it might be needed. Instead, we mentally filed through our previously indexed thoughts and feelings about the fire department, or people in the fire department (especially given the looming price tag). Do we know them? Do we like them? Are we friendly with any of them? Have we had arguments with anyone in the group? All of these things color the way we respond to a request that was in and of itself a valid one.

(for the full article, go to: <http://www.bradfordnh.org/departments/town-hall-restoration-committee/>).

10 Questions

(continued from pg. 1)

Like many of us, who believes that patience is required as one has the privilege of deciding how to slow down?

Who is an interviewer most recently for the Bradford Bridge who has never been interviewed?

To see if you have correctly identified this Bradford treasure, please turn to page 19.

Outside

by Ann Eldridge

It wasn't much of a winter - hardly any snow and wildly fluctuating temperatures. It wasn't enough of a winter for either the skiers or the skunk cabbage to show off their skills. Skunk cabbages, unlike skiers, don't actually need snow to perform but one of their remarkable talents is that in late winter or very early spring they send up an outlandish looking flower structure that is preheated to melt through snow and ice. This is a plant we're talking about!



Looking oddly like the headgear of a cement garden gnome, these maroon-colored, curved shells perform a feat of cellular respiration that maintains a steady temperature of 72 degrees for the enclosed flower head. Easing their way through whatever kind of weather we're having, they await the very first pollinating insects of the year to enter through the thin slit on the side designed for them. And these insects genuinely appreciate these warming huts, occasionally spending the night. Some species of spiders cleverly attempt to ambush them at the entrance.

Minute flowers sitting on fleshy knobs within this spathe (technically a modified leaf bract) are equally peculiar. These flowers have no petals and although both male and female parts are present, their appearance is timed such that cross pollination and resulting genetic mix up occurs. You can see a resemblance with their close relations Jack in the Pulpit and Calla Lily.

Warmth isn't the only attractant they offer in return for pollination services. Skunk cabbage smells bad (to us). Thus it tricks, by its liver color and fetid scent, all kinds of insects that might also be drawn to a nice rotting carcass. Red trillium - such a beautiful flower - and stinkhorn mushroom have the same plan.

By now the skiers have gone off to other pursuits and the skunk cabbages in their sometimes extensive colonies are gearing up to spiral out their huge soft green leaves. They come up out of

the wetland mud like a green fountain. Crush a leaf and inhale and you will experience why they tend not to suffer grazing animals. Common yellow throat warblers may nest in these olfactory-protective vegetal vases that mask the bird's scent.

In early spring the ravenous bears will go after the fleshy roots and may be the only non-mechanized tool able to dislodge them. The wrinkled roots have a regular, ring-like pattern that allows them to expand and then contract. This pulls the stem ever deeper, causing the plant to grow down rather

than up. Some of these plants may be hundreds of years old.

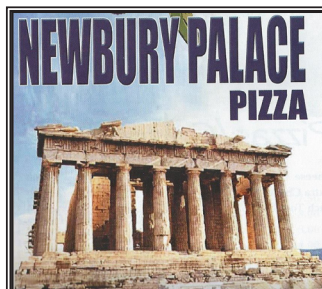
The entire plant is magically constructed of not much more than air and water. By midsummer, instead of drying up in preparation for a 'normal' dignified autumnal senescence, the skunk cabbage and its rotting flower stump simply dissolves into a lovely mess by August. This is relished by all sorts of creatures less squeamish than us.

Somehow I suspect I may not have sold you yet on the wonders of our neighbors the skunk cabbages. But go have a look for yourselves.

10 Questions Answer (From page 18)

Yes, Phyllis Wilcox.

Thank you Phyllis for chatting with me and giving me the opportunity at the same time to ask and inform our readers about your life in our town. The Bridge staff and board wish to extend heartfelt thanks for your many contributions to the Bradford Bridge and for your continuing support of another Bradford treasure.



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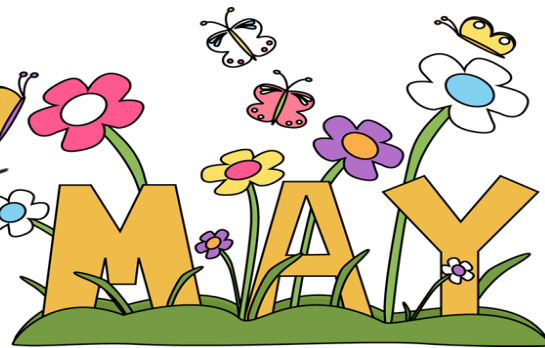
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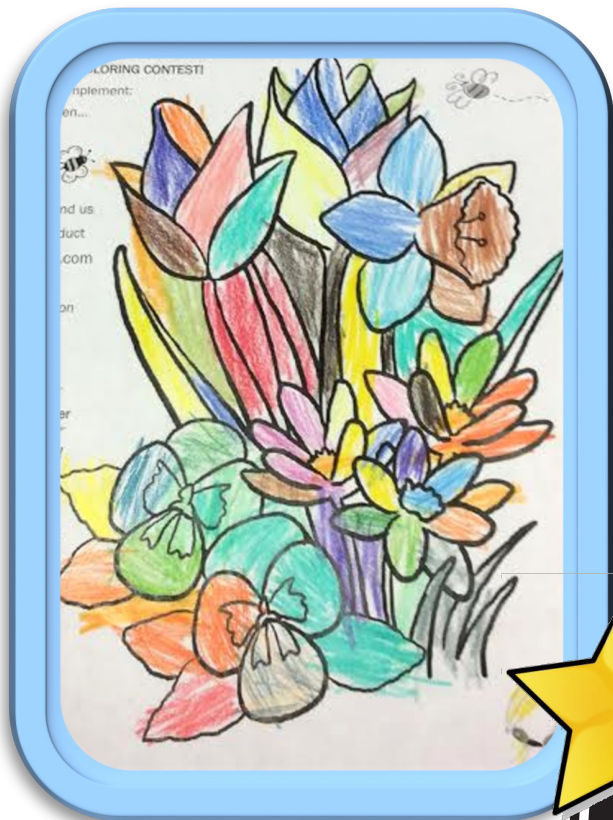
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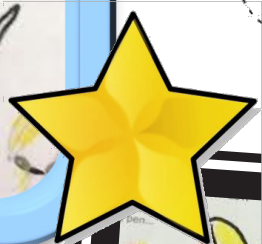
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